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Boris LEVITSKY aka LEVITSKY and Erich Julian WOLLENBERG

Reference: DIR 34275, DIR 33978

In answer to our request dated 16 November 1955 for information on
Erich WOLLENBERG, gave us a tardy reply on 19 April 1956, a
transcription of which follows:

Erich Julian WOLLENBERG

Born 15 August 1892 at Königsberg. Journalist. He is currently
living in Paris and works as a press correspondent for an agency in
Munich. He makes frequent trips to West Germany, and has not attracted
any unfavorable attention from us. Concerning the "clandestine search"
of which his apartment was the object, WOLLENBERG never noticed anything
abnormal, and we have no information on this subject.

According to the explanation which WOLLENBERG himself gave, he
belonged in 1948-1949 to the staff of Echo der Woche when he knew Boris
LEVITSKY. The latter came to the newspaper offices and published some
articles on Soviet questions and problems concerning Russia and
Ukrainian refugees.

According to WOLLENBERG, LEVITSKY is of Ukrainian origin, has never
been to Russia, claims himself an expert in Soviet questions, furnishes
information to the German Socialist Party and to Minister KAISER.

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WOLLENBERG also met LEVITSKY in Bonn in 1952 and 1953, and in 1954 he visited him once or twice in his apartment in Munich. They discussed problems concerning the Soviet press and anti-Communist newspapers. WOLLENBERG saw him last in the beginning of 1955 on a trip to Munich. He thinks LEVITSKY is anti-Stalin, and believes that if he contacted people who are known for their pro-Soviet opinions it was principally to obtain documentation.

WOLLENBERG notes also that LEVITSKY always led a very modest life, and that Soviet agents generally have quite large resources to spend.

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